



ASIA PACIFIC ORTHOPAEDIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting held on Sunday, 12th February 2023 via the Zoom online platform

Present

Dr Onder Aydingoz (Turkey)	Chair
Dr Anup Agrawal (India)	
Dr Saeed Al Thani (UAE)	
Dr Nicolaas Budhiparama (Indonesia)	
Dr Mahmut Nedim Doral (Turkey)	
Dr Amber Haseeb (Malaysia)	
Dr Bedri Karaismailoglu (Turkey)	
Dr So Kato (Japan)	
Dr Arif Khan (Pakistan)	
Dr Ellewellyn Pasion (Philippines)	
Dr Buland Thapa (Nepal)	
Dr Gowreeson Thevendran (Singapore)	

Chairs of APOA Sections

Dr Anup Agrawal (India)	Chair, Trauma Section
Dr Inho Jeon (Korea)	Chair, Hand & Upper Limb Section
Dr Joon Kiong Lee (Malaysia)	Chair, Osteoporosis and Fragility Fracture Section
Dr Arvind Puri (India)	Chair, Foot & Ankle Section

By Invitation

Dr David Choon Siew Kit (Malaysia)

Absent with Apologies

Dr Tanya Burgess (Australia)
Dr Hong- Geun Jung (Korea)
Dr Eng Hin Lee (Singapore)
Dr Frankie Leung (Hong Kong)
Dr Ted Mah (Australia)
Dr Rujuta Mehta (India)
Dr Mohammed Iqbal Qavi (Bangladesh)

Dr Tae-Joon Cho (Korea)	Chair, Paediatrics Section
Dr Joyce Koh (Singapore)	Chair, Orthopaedic Research
Dr Nusret Kose (Turkey)	Chair, Infection Section
Dr Shahid Noor (Pakistan)	Chair, Hip Section
Dr S. Rajasekaran (India)	Chair, Spine Section
Dr Parag Sancheti (India)	Chair, Knee Section
Dr Sachin Tapasvi (India)	Chair, Sports Section

Dr Jamal Ashraf

The meeting was called to order at 20:05 hours (GMT+8) by Dr Onder Aydingoz, the Chair,

1	Chair's Welcome
	Dr Onder Aydingoz, Chair of the Education Committee, welcomed the Education Committee members, chairs of the APOA sections and invitee to the meeting via the Zoom online platform.
2	Confirmation of the Education Committee Meeting Minutes held on 15th January 2023
	The minutes were passed unanimously by the Education Committee members.
3	Update on the scientific programme of the APOA 2024 Dubai Congress
	<p>Dr David Choon said a video was sent to the Congress Committee regarding the visit to Dubai with Dr Jamal and Dr Saeed Al Thani. The video shows the recommended venue of the Congress and the Professional Conference Organiser (PCO) involved.</p> <p>Dr Saeed Al Thani said the programme has to be balanced. Dr Saeed Al Thani said the Trauma, Joint Replacement, Sports and Spine are the major branches in the orthopaedic meeting.</p> <p>Dr Onder Aydingoz enquired how to maintain the balance between the subspecialty sections for the congress to be held next year.</p> <p>Dr David Choon said there should be a compromise between all the subspecialty sections for the harmony of APOA. Dr David Choon suggested doing up a template with Dr Saeed Al Thani and Dr Onder Aydingoz before the next Congress Committee meeting.</p> <p>Dr Onder Aydingoz suggested preparing the draft first and then inviting the Chairs of the subspecialty sections and reaching a consensus in the meeting before bringing this to the attention of the Education Committee.</p> <p>Dr Inho Jeon said there is a lot of overlap between the twelve subspecialty sections. Dr Inho Jeon said some of these subspecialties are divided into surgery-oriented and not regional anatomy oriented and emphasized that there should be a balance between the subspecialties and not only based on the name of the subspecialties.</p> <p>Dr Inho Jeon said after the template has been drafted, the Education Committee should begin to discuss the programmes for future congresses. He explained that it will not be possible to cover all the topics of the subspecialties in one congress, thus a three or four-year programme will give sufficient time to cover all the topics within this period.</p> <p>Dr David Choon said there is a difference between the APOA main meeting and the meeting held by the sections. Dr David Choon said the sectional meetings are more specialized according to the subspecialty. Dr Saeed Al Thani suggested having more than one subspecialty in a session, overlapping in certain sessions where these subspecialties can work together.</p> <p>Dr Arvind Puri said the subspecialty sections can develop an understanding that the Trauma section of each subspecialty is dealt with under the Trauma Section which is presented by the subspecialty surgeons. Dr David Choon said he hopes that broadcast can be arranged to be broadcasted on the APOA website which will enable discussions to take place between the participants.</p> <p>Dr Ellewellyn Pasion suggested having a specialty day for all the major subspecialties such as Trauma, Arthroplasty. Dr Anup Agrawal said this is a general meeting and not a specialty meeting, thus the focus should be on the basics and not on the advanced. Dr Anup Agrawal suggested to select the topics based on themes. Dr Anup Agrawal also suggested to provide the subspecialties with two or three halls where the specialty sections can discuss advance topics. He added this can be done for the specialty sections that are not organising their specialty conference.</p>

	<p>Dr Inho Jeon enquired whether it has been announced how the subspecialty sections can apply to participate in the pre-congress workshops. Dr Onder Aydingoz replied that this has not been announced. Dr David Choon said there are only six rooms in one day and five smaller breakout rooms. He pointed out that not everyone can be given a slot.</p> <p>Dr Nicolaas Budhiparama said there must be a small group from the Scientific and Education Committee and come up with a proposal. Dr Saeed Al Thani said a fourth day for the congress is a valid option that can be considered.</p> <p>Dr Arif Khan said the young surgeons are interested in the pre-congress workshops. Dr Onder Aydingoz proposed that the pre-congress workshops can be held on the days of the Council meeting. Dr Onder Aydingoz said this can be discussed in a working group and brought to the Education Committee for final discussion and approval.</p>
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4	Education Committee Projects for 2023 - 2024
4.1	APOA e-Library
	<p>Dr David Choon said there are several journals available that will be uploaded on the APOA website. He further said that there will be features on the website which consist of articles in the journals that are of interest. Dr David Choon said discussions can be held by the members on the articles that are highlighted. He pointed out that there will be certain articles for general use and there will be others for section,s use. Dr David Choon asserted that the individual has to be a member to be involved in the discussion. If the discussion is regarding the sectional point of view, the individual has to be a member of the respective section. Dr David Choon said he hopes to show a working model by the end of this month. Dr Arif Khan said the role can be expanded in the future however currently this will be done gradually with the involvement of the subspecialty sections.</p> <p>Dr Mahmut Nedim Doral enquired whether this will be a classic-style website or a different style for the APOA e-library website. Dr David Choon said this will be part of the website but in a more dynamic design. Dr Mahmut Doral enquired who will control this website as this has to be continuously updated. Dr David Choon said the APOA main body will control this website.</p>
4.2	APOA Primary Trauma Care Courses
	<p>Dr Anup Agrawal said this course will be under the banner of APOA thus this will be known as APOA Primary Trauma Course which will be conducted and prepared by the Asia Pacific Trauma Section. Dr Anup Agrawal explained there will be three modules, which are theory, videos of the whole process and thirdly there will be practicals. It will be associated with the APOA conference or some other conferences. He said that to discuss the whole process he needs to discuss this with the Executive Committee of the Trauma Section.</p> <p>Dr Anup Agrawal informed the Education Committee that it has been agreed principally to postpone the Trauma conference considering the present circumstances (earthquake) in Turkey. Dr Anup Agrawal said by the end of March he will draft a solid timeline regarding the whole course.</p> <p>Dr Arif Khan enquired whether APOA can continue the old PTC that has been conducted from the APOA platform and incorporate this into the new course. Dr Anup Agrawal said this is for the APOA Council to decide as this is the course conducted under APOA. Dr Onder Aydingoz said the Executive Committee can direct the Education Committee regarding this. Dr Onder Aydingoz opined that if the Executive Committee has given positive feedback regarding this the course can be continued if not they should wait for the new course to begin.</p>

4.3	APOA Curriculum of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
	<p>Dr Ellewellyn Pasion said he had a meeting with Dr Lee Eng Hin, Dr David Choon and Dr Onder Aydingoz last Thursday to discuss on how to start planning for the curriculum for the Asia Pacific region. Dr Pasion said the dilemma is that currently the APOA has twenty-four countries and the APOA has to have an idea regarding the training programmes in each of these different Asia Pacific countries. Dr Pasion said Education Committee distributed a questionnaire last year and Dr Onder Aydingoz presented the report in the APOA Congress in Manila. That report will be helpful in this regard.</p>
4.4	Diploma Programme from the APOA Platform
	<p>Dr Inho Jeon said he had an online meeting with Dr Ted Mah, Dr Arvind Puri, Dr Anup Agrawal and Dr Shahid Noor. Dr Inho Jeon summarized the meeting held that the speciality trainings in the Asia Pacific are very diverse. Dr Inho Jeon said it was suggested that the subcommittees will plan a standard on how APOA can have a registered individual section to ensure uniformity and quality of fellowship programmes. Dr Inho Jeon said a discussion was held to determine the minimum standard for diploma or speciality training. Dr Inho Jeon said its important to determine the type of minimum standards of speciality training which can be recognized by the APOA central body. Dr Inho Jeon said the plan of action is to contact the chair of each speciality section and know how they wish to promote the clinical fellowship training programme. Dr Inho Jeon said it was also suggested that each Section head is to report to the committee on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what constitutes “minimal standard” before endorsing • what resources does each speciality need to achieve such goals • what collaborations does each speciality section wish from another sections. <p>Dr Anup Agrawal said the centres which will be endorsed for the fellowship need to have minimum standards. Dr Anup Agrawal suggested the centres and mentors have to fulfill those minimum standards before they can be accredited as fellowship centres.</p> <p>Dr Arif Khan said it is important to involve the sections and incorporate their presidents or nominees into this programme. The sections have to decide on the minimum standards and the centres that can be accredited in the respective speciality. He suggested that the involvement of the subspecialty sections is important and would be ideal to have personal contact with the chairs of the subspecialty sections.</p>
	<p>Dr Onder Aydingoz said the next meeting will be on 16th April 2023 at 8 pm (Kuala Lumpur time).</p> <p>Dr Onder Aydingoz thanked all the participants for joining the meeting.</p>

The meeting adjourned at 2130 hours (GMT +8) with a vote of thanks to the chair.

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